

# GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA

## BECOMING A MEMBER OF GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA

Any City or County in California that meets the qualifying criteria for membership in Green Cities California (GCC) is encouraged to apply for membership.

All GCC members have demonstrated leadership in achieving effective solutions to the environmental challenges faced by urban communities. The bar for GCC membership is high, by design. Pre-requisites include:

1. The adoption of, and progress on implementation of, a local sustainability plan
2. Adoption of the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords
3. Adoption of the Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

In addition, members are asked to work with their City Councils or Boards of Supervisors in adopting the GCC Sustainability Accord within one year of gaining membership.

Membership dues in GCC are determined by the jurisdiction and range from \$5000 - \$15,000 annually.

Benefits of GCC Membership: The primary benefit GCC members receive is having the opportunity to interact with a group of colleagues who are struggling with similar challenges and opportunities in attempting to advance leading edge sustainability policies and practices. Since its first meeting in 2007, the group has developed into a closely knit group of sustainability directors. Two-day retreats every six months foster collegiality and information exchange. ‘

Additional benefits include exposure for members’ work and the ability to influence other cities. If all members agree on a specific policy item, GCC is able to send letters of support or opposition on specific legislation, which is a powerful voice at the State Capitol. Achieving consensus from all GCC members on a specific bill is rare, however, so our work at the Capitol is usually directly with state agencies like the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California EPA.

Applying for GCC Membership: If your jurisdiction can or soon will meet the criteria noted above and you would like to apply for membership, please complete the application information on the next page and submit electronically to Carol Misseldine at [cmisseldine@comcast.net](mailto:cmisseldine@comcast.net).

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### GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA - MEMBERS

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SACRAMENTO • SAN DIEGO • SAN FRANCISCO • SAN JOSE • SANTA BARBARA • SANTA MONICA

*Accelerating the adoption of sustainability policies and practices through collaborative action*

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